

# *Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.*

## *"The Full Moon Folk"*

### **GREETINGS**

Sometimes it seems to me that "Midwinter" really should be in February, not December. The weather is generally at its coldest right now, at least in Colorado. The snow comes and goes – and at least right now, there isn't enough time to melt between storms, or it seems that way.

Bridget's flame has been replenished – and burns in our beings. What will her flame bring to us this year? So many questions and a new season to fulfill them.

—*Catherine*

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### **THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT**

Thanks and a Tip of the Hat to Covenant of the Wicca for leading an ambitious ritual for Hearthstone in January. With the intent of Cutting Through the Lies that Bind Us, circle was cast and invocations spoken. In sacred, safe space we were guided to consider how some stories we tell ourselves hold us back from our full healing and effectiveness in the world. We were given paper and pen and challenged to write down "the Lies I tell myself that hold me back" and then "the Truth". We each in turn held a length of thread, grounded our lies into it, spoke to the group about our lie, then cut this thread, and spoke the Truth that cuts this lie. With brave sharing and even tears, we each faced our lies and truths, with the others around us as caring witnesses. This ritual was very appropriate at this cold moon, early in the year, and very powerful. Thank you, Shen-Tat, Jade and coveners, for guiding us and trusting us to open ourselves to this challenging ritual.

----- *Arynn*

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### **FEBRUARY OPEN FULL MOON**

Hearthstone meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon at the First Unitarian Church at 14th and Lafayette in Denver. The church doors open at 7, and we like to start at 7:30. (We are NOT big

proponents of Pagan Standard Time, but if there is weather related driving trouble or a problem on the freeway, we've been known to wait a bit longer.) This month's ritual is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008.

Remember, please, that Hearthstone doesn't expect everyone to enter in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust, as there are people you don't know there, but to enter with a willing heart and an open mind, and leave your differences at the door.

Some traditions are more controversial than others, or may contain a component that disturbs someone attending an Open Full Moon. It is one of the risks of exploring different traditions. Should anyone be uncomfortable, unsettled, or upset about any ritual presented by Hearthstone, please contact Alia or Catherine to discuss -- and hopefully resolve and heal -- the issue.

—*Alia*

The Wiccaning that was originally planned for the February OFM has been postponed. Unfortunately, the children participating in the Wiccaning were exposed to chickenpox and are expected to break out with those pox around the 14<sup>th</sup>. We wish them a speedy recovery and have rescheduled the Wiccaning for April

For the February OFM, Please join Catherine and Alia to revisit (or visit) the simplicity and innocence of childhood; either our own childhood or the one we wish we had. We'll explore the peace and calm of innocence and how to find the quiet center in our busy adult lives. If you would like, please bring a stuffed animal or childhood memento that has meaning for you.

---*Catherine*

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### **NOTE ON PARKING**

From our landlords:

One of the challenges facing us as an urban congregation is a lack of available parking. As our congregation grows, we take

up more room and make it increasingly difficult for our neighbors to find places to park. Those using the building are highly encouraged to carpool, walk, bike, or use public transportation whenever possible. If you do drive to evening events or meetings, please make an effort to park in designated parking spaces in the Alta Court parking lot on the northwest end of our block of Lafayette. Spaces marked FUSD E or Visitor are available for our use on evenings. Window decals can be purchased in the office for \$1 (call 303-831-7113 ext.101 for details). All metered spaces on Colfax are free after 6:00 p.m. Please show concern for our neighbors and consider these spaces before attempting to park on Lafayette.

In addition, please do not park in the spot “Reserved for Minister” in the back of the church.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

—Alia

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## ON DONATIONS

We appreciate that many of you donate to the church. Unfortunately, donations have diminished over the years, to the point where Hearthstone is once again losing money. Since Alia can no longer support the church on her own, we ask you to please give what you can to support the work and service of the church to the community. The more you can spare, the longer we will be around, and the more we can help those who need it. While we will keep **Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.** running as long as possible, we do feel we should let you know that we need your support to continue to serve the community.

We aren't going to start collecting at the door, and no one will be turned away for not having a donation. However, we would like to suggest a donation of 5 to 10 dollars per person. (The extra is to cover the pagans that are unable to donate.) If you can't afford it,

you are still welcome – if you can afford more, we'd be delighted to accept it.

**NOTE:** Hearthstone is a church and your donations to Hearthstone are **tax deductible**. If you would like to write a check so you can keep track of your donations, we can certainly handle that as well.

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## PAGAN COFFEE HOUSE

Witches Brew is a new Pagan coffee shop. They sell locally mixed teas, books, jewelry, art and other various and sundry paraphernalia. They are open Tuesday through Sunday Noon to Midnight. In addition to being an excellent place for the traditional post-ritual caffeine binge, they offer space for classes, discussion groups, and ritual. The coffee shop can be reached at [witchesbrewdenver@gmail.com](mailto:witchesbrewdenver@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are interested in their weekly newsletter. Located right off I-70 and Sheridan, they're easily accessible at 4900 W. 46th Ave. and can be reached at (303) 997 9571.



College of Wicca and Old Lore - Established in 1999, the College of Wicca and Old Lore has as its mission to teach Wicca and the Old Ways, to teach teachers of Wicca and to build community. To apply to either of the programs listed below, please go to our website: [www.collegeofwicca.org](http://www.collegeofwicca.org).

### **Wicca Basics Classes**

Wicca Basics is one of the ways that the College teaches Wicca and builds community.

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It is an eight-week course covering essential topics of the Craft, including: Esbats, Sabbats, history, traditions, grounding and centering, altars and tools, deities, energies and Craft ethics and etiquette. Wicca Basics classes are taught by experienced College of Wicca and Old Lore Faculty.

**Upcoming classes:**

Check our website! [www.collegeofwicca.org](http://www.collegeofwicca.org) for a schedule of upcoming Wicca Basics classes

**Tuition:**

\$50 for entire eight-week course.

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**Year and a Day Program**

Our Year and a Day Program is a one-year program set up on the quarter system with classes on Sundays. It covers in-depth topics of the Craft, including Esbats, Sabbats, tools and energies, herbs, divination, ritual construction and ethics. Students are required to complete a Wicca Basics class or equivalent study before admission to the Year and a Day Program. Year and a Day classes are taught by experienced College of Wicca and Old Lore Faculty.

**2008 Fire Quarter Schedule:**

Sundays, April 6, 2008 through June 29, 2008

Orientation: April 6 2008

Morning classes 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon classes 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 p.m.

**Tuition:**

Sliding scale from \$7-\$15 per required class (10 classes during each Quarter are required for dedication); elective classes are \$3 each.

Tuition payments are arranged on Orientation.

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Announcements start at 7:30 pm, and ritual begins right after announcements conclude.

If you have suggestions or questions about Earth Temple activities, please write to us at [earthtemple-owner@yahogroups.com](mailto:earthtemple-owner@yahogroups.com).

**Earth Temple 2008 dates**

Mar 7 -- New Moon

Mar 21 -- Ostara

Apr 4 -- New Moon

May 2 -- New Moon/Beltaine

May 30 -- New Moon

June 14 SATURDAY -- Litha

Aug 1 -- New Moon/Lammas

Aug 29 -- New Moon

Sep 19 -- Mabon

Oct 3 -- New Moon

Oct 24 -- New Moon

Nov 7 -- Samhain

Nov 28 -- New Moon

Dec 19 -- Yule

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**EARTH TEMPLE DATES**

These are the 2008 dates for Earth Temple rituals. Earth Temple meets on Fridays at Small Gatherings, 66th and Wadsworth.

Look for the Starbucks and Golden Europe Restaurant; our space is in the strip mall behind those two businesses.

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## WHO TO CONTACT

Alia's phone number is 303-680-1741. Southwynde's is 303-698-1066. Catherine's is 303-534-5264. If you would like to officiate at a future Open Full Moon, for Pagan or Wiccan clergy, or for any other Hearthstone business, please contact either Alia or Catherine.

Hearthstone Community Church has a website at <http://hearthstone.fnorky.com>. It's kept current, so anything you miss here should be there.

Alia's e-mail address is [alia@fnorky.com](mailto:alia@fnorky.com); Southwynde's is [southwynde@yahoo.com](mailto:southwynde@yahoo.com); (it is not frequently checked). Catherine's e-mail address is [catherine@fnorky.com](mailto:catherine@fnorky.com)

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## GUEST COLUMNS?

If you have something to say, and are willing to let Alia or Catherine edit it slightly, (generally for grammar – Alia has the soul of an English teacher and Catherine wants to be one) please feel free to submit your writing to [catherine@fnorky.com](mailto:catherine@fnorky.com). Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices.

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### 2008 Open Full Moon Dates

**February 15, 2008**

**March 21, 2008**

**April 18, 2008**

**May 16, 2008**

**June 13, 2008**

**July 18, 2008**

**August 22, 2008**

**September 12, 2008**

**October 10, 2008**

**November 7, 2008**

**December 12, 2008**

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